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MOTION TO SUPPORT CONTINUED STATE FUNDING FOR THE HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (ITEM NO. 80-C, AGENDA OF APRIL 18, 2006)

Item No. 80-C on the April 18, 2006 Agenda is a motion by Supervisor Yaroslavsky recommending that the Board of Supervisors send a five-signature letter to Governor Schwarzenegger seeking continued State funding for the Health Care Workforce Development Program (HCWDP).

The HCWDP is a partnership between the Department of Health Services (DHS) and Service Employees International Union Local 660 established in 2000 to train and develop the DHS workforce. Under the terms and conditions of the 2000 Los Angeles Medicaid Waiver extension, the State and the County were required to provide \$40 million for this effort at a 2:1 sharing ratio. The State's obligation is \$26.6 million and the County's obligation is \$13.3 million.

Through this fiscal year, the State has provided \$15.2 million in support of the HCWDP, but it has not provided an assurance of continued funding. The remaining amount of the State's obligation is \$11.4 million. On March 21, 2006, the Board approved a request by DHS to expend \$3.7 million in Tobacco Settlement funds which fulfills the County's remaining obligation.

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DHS recommends support for Supervisor Yaroslavsky's motion, and we concur. Support is consistent with the County's participation in the HCWDP as specified by the Medicaid waiver extension.

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